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Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In complete and timely response to the Office Action mailed 12 October 1999, please first amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- ✓ Claim 5, line 38, after "to forcibly cause said" insert -segments-
- ✓ line 39, after "working fluid which" delete "is";
- ✓ line 40, after "into" delete "to"; and
- ✓ line 41, change "will urge" to -urges-.

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REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 and § 1.112, and in light of the following remarks, are respectfully solicited.

Minor changes have been made to claim 5.

Withdrawal of the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 112 are gratefully acknowledged.

Presently, various claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over GB Pat. No. 2,301,635 to Hemsley *et al.* ("Hemsley" hereinafter) in view of Brandon or Dalton, or in view the combination of Brandon and Noone or that of Dalton and Synfelt. These rejections are respectfully traversed.